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NOTE FOR: Mr. Maury

1. Admiral Murphy called me at my home early Saturday morning (7 October). When we talked on Friday, he was unaware of Defense's receiving any second letter from Senator Fulbright. After talking with me, however, he got in contact with the Department's General Counsel Fred Buzhardt who told Murphy that such a second letter had indeed been received, but that Defense had made no response.

2. Murphy suggested that since (as I had explained to him on Friday) we planned to handle our second query from the Senator by an oral briefing, that this would be a good line for Defense to take but it might perhaps be even better if our two briefings were jointly done. Defense would probably use General Pauley and Murphy thought it would be a good idea if Pauley went along with whomever we sent up to talk with Marcy and the Senator. I told Murphy that we did not plan to take any action with respect to recontacting the Senator's office until Tuesday and the briefing, if any, would certainly not be held until the latter part of the week. Hence, we had a few days in which to turn around. I told him I would take counsel with my own colleagues and be back in touch with him on Tuesday.

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